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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

In Re: Bair Hugger Forced Air) File No. 15-MD-2666
Warming Devices Products) (JNE/FLN)
Liability Litigation)
June 15, 2017
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Courtroom 15
9:45 a.m.

BEFORE THE HONORABLE JOAN N. ERICKSEN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

THE HONORABLE FRANKLIN L. NOEL
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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P R O C E E D I N G S

(9:44 a.m.)

THE COURT: Mr. Blackwell, I thought you were saying the pledge of allegiance. Often when I'm in this courtroom, it's because I'm doing a Naturalization.

MR. BLACKWELL: Who knows what will be said by the end, Your Honor.

I wanted to introduce the Court to our summer associate who is here Khansaa Nadeem, who is a first year student at the University of Minnesota, and I invited her to come to see how justice is dispensed.

THE COURT: So you'll be going down to the ninth floor later? You know we have someone, you have someone, don't you?

MAGISTRATE JUDGE NOEL: Yes, I have both of my law clerks because my senior law clerk Carrie is leaving us at the end of the summer, and Chad will be filling in her shoes. And in between the two of them is Maxim Hoes, who is a lawyer from the Netherlands, who is a judicial observer at the University of Minnesota and has been working in my chambers all semester, so.

THE COURT: So do you two University of Minnesota people know each other?

(Off the record discussion between the students.)

THE COURT: Oh, wait a second. We're not quite

1 ready for you --

2 MR. COFFIN: One of them is an LLM student, so it
3 doesn't seem fair, same group.

4 THE COURT: Amy, our person, there you are. Amy,
5 if you don't want to sit so far back. My intern, also at
6 the University of Minnesota.

7 MAGISTRATE JUDGE NOEL: Okay.

8 THE COURT: All right. Now, let's get
9 appearances, and I've been informed that there is someone on
10 the phone perhaps that wants to make a statement.
11 Mr. Gordon, do you want to go ahead?

12 MR. GORDON: Your Honor, that may or may not be
13 necessary. It kind of depends on you. There are a couple
14 of lawyers on the phone who may be, I believe, will be,
15 their cases may be the subject of some of the motions to
16 dismiss that Mr. Hulse, I believe, may argue. And if the
17 Court entertains those motions, well, let me say, first,
18 I'll be prepared to make some general comments, but those
19 lawyers before their cases potentially get dismissed, I
20 think would like to be heard as well, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: Would that be the lawyer for Fraley,
22 Wilburn?

23 MR. GORDON: Yes, Your Honor.

24 THE COURT: DePriest?

25 MR. GORDON: Yes, Your Honor.